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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: CASC, PFOR, UK, YS
SUBJECT: DETAINED AMERICAN CITIZENS IN SOUTH YEMEN.

1. FCO'S KEALY CALLED US JUNE 6 TO REPORT CABLE FROM ADEN DESCRIBING ADEN NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT OF JUNE 3 THAT AMERICAN NATIONALS ROBERT KOPP AND ERNEST TORHAN WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS ALONG WITH OTHER "IMPORTANT CASES" SUCH AS THE "NATIONAL CASH REGISTER." ANNOUNCEMENT SAID DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN WHEN THESE CASES ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY ADEN SUGGESTS WORDING OF ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT INDICATE THAT LEBANESE CITIZEN VICTOR DICK MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL AS REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY RATHER THAN PERSONALLY. WE UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT QUERIED BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON JUNE 4 ON BASIS THIS REPORT APPEARING BAGHDAD RADIO, AND WAS FILLED IN BY EMBASSY JUNE 5. ALSO UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT (DICKMAN NEA/ARP) PLANS TO CONTACT PDRY UN REPRESENTATIVE ONCE AGAIN, AS BRITISH SUGGESTED. KEALY TELLS US HE IS DRAFTING CABLE WHICH WILL INSTRUCT ADEN TO AP-
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PROACH PDRY AUTHORITIES NOTING THAT CONSIDERABLE TIME

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MIGHT ELAPSE UNTIL ABOVE ARE BROUGHT TO TRIAL AND
REQUEST IMMEDIATE CONSULAR ACCESS TO THEM. ADEN BEING
INSTRUCTED ALSO TO REQUEST CONSULAR ACCESS TO TWO BRIT-
ISH CITIZENS SIMILARLY BEING DETAINED.

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